

balcony. Special guests today of Senator Robak are 48 sixth graders from St. Isidores School in Columbus and their teachers. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Also, seated under the north balcony is Dr. Bill Doring of Franklin, Nebraska. He is serving as doctor of the day today and he is from Senator Owen Elmer's District. Dr. Doring, thank you for being here. Thank you. Senator Crosby, you're next, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, thank you, Senator Horgan, I couldn't have said it better myself. I thought I went home. Here I am back but the sun's out, so it must be morning, because this is where we ended last night. And I don't understand, Senator Chambers says he and Senator Moore need time to work something out. Yes, you need a whole year to work something out. You need to introduce a bill to come back and see if it is valid and if there are some things that need to be changed, fine, but you cannot do this with eight days left in the Legislature. I haven't heard any judges complain about that dollar. If they have and if they feel that way, they should come into the Retirement Committee with a bill. And the other thing is the money. We can't pull out \$500,000 or more from General Funds to put this extra money in now just because we think that that's perhaps not a good way to fund the judges' retirement. But, as I said last night, every retirement system needs to be funded in the way that it is set up and you cannot do it on the floor of the Legislature at the tail end of our session. So I urge you to oppose this and let's move on with 832 and talk about the merits of that bill and leave the judges out of it for the moment. When I was listening to Senator Horgan he made a lot of sense on when he described the different retirement systems and how they are funded, and you...as I spoke again, you have to go back to the public employees retirement board, you have to have the actuary involved, you have to know that all these numbers are the ones that you need to work with, and that people...there is a commitment, there is a contract that the State of Nebraska has set up for all the employees who pay into retirement systems, no matter which ones they are. So, again, I just urge you to vote against this and let's get on with the rest of the business today that we have to cope with. We have so many things sitting there that we need to talk about that we need to pull away from this issue and please vote against this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Chambers.